

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: Improved Methods for Producing  
Ethanol and Methane from Biomass

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

With regard to the above-referenced application, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks. Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment prior to examination on the merits.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, authorization to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.